Great Artists And a Speech at French Benefit

By Sylvester Rawling.

TERE was a remarkable concort at the Metropolitan Opera. House last night in aid of the for supplying the new motor al fotilias for the French army trenches, organized by the Red Cross. It was unique on of the fame of the artists unteered, and it was made ng by the speech of James M. merly Assistant Attorney of United States, who advocated cally the immediate particion of America in the war on the is of the allies. It was demanded, said, amid the cheers of the big gratitude the American people d to France for the unrequited and furnished to the unarmed British mists in the War of the Revolu-

The artists announced included mmma Calve, Victor Maurel and Gina Claperelli Viafora, all formerly on the roster of the Metropolitan Opera Company; Reinhold de Wartch, Kathleen Parlow, the Canadian Violinist; Yves Nat, the planist; Carlos Salzedd, the harpist; George Barrere, the flutist, who led the orchestra, and Yvette Guilbert. Unfortunately, the latter could not appear because of sudden illness, but her place was taken by Lorraine Wyman, who sang Mme. Guilbert's three chansons admirably. It was pathetic to find the voice of Victor Maurel, once the most famous of baritones, a shadow; but his art was undiminished and the neart of many an old-time opera-

samous of baritones, a shadow; but his art was undiminished and the neart of many an old-time operaseer was warmed by the memories that he evoked.

Mme, Caive's beautiful singing of the Habanera from "Carmen," with all her old sauciness of action—she tensed the rose for Don Jose into the plano—makes one wonder whether Mr. Gatti-Casazza might not engage her for a guest performance of "Carmen." With Nellie Melba as a guest Micaela, the box office would be swamped days in advance and there would be a gala night such as we have not had for a long time.

At the end of last night's concert Mme, Calve, draped in a huge French flag, sang "La Marseillaise," accompanied by a large chorus, every man and woman in the audience rising as if by electric propulsion and many joining in the chorus. Was it irony or thoughtlessness that made the famous night brawl in the streets of Suremberg, the end of the second fit of "Die Meistersinger," the secting for the singing of the great French war song?

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Adeie Krueger, soprano, gave a song recital at Acolian Hall last night that deservedly won the favor of a large audience. Whatever deficiencies her voice may hold, she tries to conceal them by her art, and generally succeeds. She sang her French songs deliciously last night, especially the one by her expert accompanist at the piano, our old friend Isidore Lucktone—"Ah! La Belle Menotte." Her sengs in English, too, were well enunciated, and one of them, "For a Bream's Sake," by our own gifted and rising young composer. A. Walter Kramer, held its place on her programme by right of merit. Of course, on the German side, Franz, Schubert, Schumann, Brahms and Richard Strauss were represented.

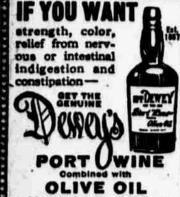
Cecil Fanning, baritone, accom-anied at the plane by H. B. Turpin, a name of the latter appearing on the name of the latter appearing on the programme in type of the same size as that which heralded Mr Fanning, gave a recital at Aeolian Hall resterday afternoon. Mr. Fanning, who is not unknown here, has sung a Europe and in the West and won auch commendation. He has a big size of splendid quality, which he does not always use to the best advantage; but he has talent. The trouble with his programme, manifestly arranged to show his voice in the way he can use it best, was that its prevailing tone of sombreness made it monotonous. It ran from the encient Monteverde and Gretry to our own Sidney Homer and Marshall Kernochan, with Schubert and Loewe and Grieg and Debusey and others in between.

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Preparations were being made to day for departure for The Hague Friday by special train through Germany. The German Minister was viseing passports, but he admitted it was possible that the Foreign Office against the world's greatest emwithout which they could never
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the security of our own count Ford has now changed his views and ufacturers, created consternation among the Ford lieutenants. Mme. Schwimmer declared the reports untrue. Frederick Holt of Detroit said he did not believe the report, as it was contrary to Fords basic views. STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Jan. 5 (via

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